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Executive Honesty

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Dr. [redacted]

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1. In accordance with instructions from the DCI who had talked to [redacted] by telephone on Monday, 22 July, I met with [redacted] today in the Pentagon. He is stationed at Los Alamos and was recommended by [redacted] as a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the DCI.

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2. [redacted] said that he was considering the proposal and that he was interested in helping wherever he could. He said he had a large family and it would be most inconvenient for him to leave them for two or three days four or five times a year, as he understood the proposal might entail. He did not expand on this difficulty. He had, however, been planning tentatively to move back to the East and that under these circumstances, he would be most pleased to serve. He said it might be a month before he would be able to make this decision. He indicated some curiosity as to the degree of sensitive material he might acquire in this new position. It was not quite clear why he was concerned except he felt that he did not want to know things that he did not need to know. He was also curious as to any inhibitions that might result as to travel opportunities abroad although he had not so travelled and had no plans to travel. He expressed some curiosity as to how [redacted] had happened to select him.

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3. I told him that [redacted] wanted a very flexible Board of a small number of people competent in the needed disciplines and that I did not know how he happened to select [redacted] although certainly there would be an atomic energy and weapons input into the Board deliberations. I explained to him our clearance procedures for travel abroad and the various circumstances in which he might find himself if he were to receive an invitation, distinguishing between public symposiums, official travel, diplomatic immunities, possible

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compromise by Soviet Bloc agents, etc., etc. I told him that if he served as a member of the Board, he would be exposed to our most sensitive intelligence collection means of the highest security classification.

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4. [redacted] indicated that he would think it over and I told him that I would discuss the problem with [redacted] next week and that he could expect to hear from Dr. [redacted] before too long. In the meantime, we were not pressing for an immediate decision, particularly in view of Dr. [redacted] desire to keep the Board highly mobile, highly flexible, etc.

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